

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1 and 4-20 are pending. Claims 1 and 5-20 have been rejected. Dependent claim, which has been indicated as being allowable, has now been written in independent form including all the limitations of base claim 1. All remaining claims (other than allowable claim 4) have now been canceled.

**CONCLUSION**

All pending claims besides allowable claim 4, which has been rewritten in independent form, have now been canceled. It is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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